

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Sontheimer, *et al.*

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

In response to the Office Communication mailed June 27, 2007 and to the Final Office Action mailed November 21, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following amendments and remarks. A Notice of Appeal was filed on May 25, 2007. The deadline for filing an Appeal Brief was therefore July 25, 2007. Applicant hereby requests a four (4) month extension of time extending the time for reply to and including November 25, 2007. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the filing of this response on October 31, 2007 is timely. Applicant is also concurrently submitting a Request for Continued Examination.

In response to the Office Action, Applicant requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

The present Amendment is believed to be in compliance with the Revised Amendment Format published in the Federal Register on June 30, 2003 (68 FC 38611), and therefore to be exempt from the requirement of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)-(d).